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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please insert the paragraph heading on page 18 of the Annex to PCT/IPEA/409, before claim 1, as follows:

-- What is claimed is: --.

Please amend claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 11-14, 16, 17, 19-22, 26, 28, 30, and 31 as presented on pages 18-23 of the Annex to PCT/IPEA/409 as follows:

4. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein print is on the reverse of said base sheet.
6. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the base sheet is paper.
8. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover sheet is a clear polypropylene film.
9. (Amended) A device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the backing sheet is a release paper.
11. (Amended) A system as claimed in claim 10 wherein the device is a sample collection device for collecting and storing a biological sample for subsequent analysis, comprising tamper-evident storage means for storing said sample, said storage means comprising:

a base sheet arranged so that the biological sample may be positioned thereon;

a cover sheet hingedly secured to said base sheet, said cover sheet being adapted for substantially irreversible adhesive securement to said base sheet over at least a substantial portion of their facing surfaces; and

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